

REMARKS

Claims 1, 4-6, 9-15, 17-31, 35 and 37 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claim 1 is amended. No new matter is added by the above amendment. In view of at least the following, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

I. Claim Amendment

Applicants respectfully submit that the amendment to claim 1 should be entered and that claim 1 should remain allowable.

The amendment to claim 1 merely improve the grammar and corrects an antecedent basis issue. Support for such an amendment may be found at least at paragraph [0008] of the specification.

Accordingly, allowance of the claim amendments is respectfully requested.

II. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of pending claims are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

Respectfully submitted,



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